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Dear Col. Koenig:

Thank you very much for coming to Tyonek and meeting with the NVT – IRA Council on October 12th, 2011. It was clearly a significant and important Government to Government meeting which resulted in the signing of a Cooperating Agency MOU and a Government to Government Agreement.

Additionally, thank you for your letter dated August 31st regarding our requests for outline changes and additions to the draft SEIS outline. Our requests stated in our June 8th and June 29th, 2011 letters still remain. We formally request, that the draft outline and our request for changes be added as an agenda item for the SEIS teleconferences.

Specifically, I would like to respond to a few items in the August 31st, 2011 letter from Ms. Sweet and address other top issues of concern.

- **Impacts to the Chuitna River / Watershed:** We request a complete assessment of the potential impacts to the Chuitna River. Obviously this will be addressed throughout the Draft SEIS but it is clear it needs to have its own chapter to summarize overall and cumulative potential impacts.
- **Climate Change:** We reiterate our request to have a specific Climate Change section and would like to ensure that Climate Change Projections for the Chuitna River and Watershed be included, which would analyze the potential impacts of climate change on the Chuitna Watershed and how the proposed project would consequently need to be modified based on a constantly changing watershed.
- **Mercury:** The August 31st, 2011 letter stated that, “airborne sources (of mercury) are generally not a major issue to various fish and wildlife species,” “but humans maybe impacted”. It is correct that humans would be impacted but incorrect that fish and wildlife would not be impacted. A complete section on potential mercury impacts on fish, wildlife and humans is necessary for the Draft SEIS to be credible.

- **Social Impacts:** Social impacts need to be a complete chapter beyond looking at economic impacts on society. There would be many social impacts from large scale mining. It is necessary to do a complete analysis of impacts to other indigenous peoples living adjacent to large scale coal strip mining projects.
- **Salmon Stream Restoration:** We require a concrete example of where a Salmon stream has been restored, in similar geological conditions and when an aquifer is dredged to 350 feet or more and when a tributary is removed from the headwaters, bank to bank.
- **Coal Dust:** Coal dust needs to be assessed beyond impacts to air as eventually the coal dust ends up in the water, on the land and ingested by animals, fish, birds and people.
- **Conveyor Belt Impacts:** This needs to be its own stand-alone chapter to give it adequate attention.
- **Native Allotment Cumulative Impacts:** Please include an additional subsection that includes an in-depth assessment of the Cumulative Impacts to Native Allotments.

Please send our Advisor / Rob Rosenfeld a copy of the CD referred to in your August 31st, 2011 letter at: P.O. Box 13, Homer, Alaska 99603

In addition, please note that input from Tyonek, in the 2006 public scoping meetings does not reflect all our requests to date. Many of our requests are stated in our June 8th and June 29th, 2011 letters.

We invite you to return to Tyonek to further discuss the outline on a Government to Government basis. Please coordinate meeting dates, times and a proposed agenda with our Advisor / Rob Rosenfeld at: robrose@gmail.com, (907)235-7528 or (907)388-2683. We are available to meet with you the weeks of; December 5th – 9th, 2011, January 23rd – 27th, or Feb 6th – 9th, 2012

Thank you for your consideration of these important requests.

Sincerely



President Frank Standifer III